

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to complete this work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The proposal for setting up a centralised training institute in Assam has been approved in principle. The details are being worked out for inclusion of this item in the annual works programme of N.F. Railway.

Purchase of Micro-light Aircraft

4242. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to purchase a Micro-light aircraft assembled by a Bombay based firm;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such aircraft proposed to be purchased and the estimated amount involved therein;

(d) whether these aircraft will be put in Bombay - Ahmedabad and Bombay-Pune routes; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Airport at Rewas, Maharashtra

4243. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct an airport of an international standard at Rewas in Maharashtra to ease the increasing traffic load at the Bombay airport;

(b) if so, when it is likely to be constructed; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). The proposal to construct another airport at Bombay is at a preliminary stage. The agency appointed to select a suitable location for the second airport in Bombay, has recommended Mandva-Re-was, south of Uran hills, as the best site. This site is, however, yet to be cleared by the Ministry of Environment and Forests and other related agencies.

(c) Does not arise.

Additional Flights between Bombay-Baroda etc.

4244. KUMARI DIPIKA CHIKHLIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to introduce an additional flight on Bombay-Baroda-Bombay and Baroda-Delhi routes and back;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Indian Airlines is already operating daily A-320 service between Bombay and Baroda. It has plans to replace the existing

daily B-737 service on the route Delhi-Ahmedabad-Baroda-Delhi by a daily A-320 service in the near future. This, it is felt, is adequate to meet the existing traffic demand.

Newsitem: "Close shave for 4 planes in Mid Air"

1245. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem "Close shave for 4 planes in mid air" appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated the September 21, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether any investigation has been made into the whole episode and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(d) the number of such incidents in the past and findings of the investigations/inquiries made in those cases; and

(e) the details of the safety measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in Statement-I.

(c) The incidents are under investigation.

(d) During the proceeding four years from 1988 to 1991 (till date), there have been a total of 20 emergency landing incidents. Details are given in Statement-II.

(e) Measures like implementation of recommendations arising out of accidents

and incidents, monitoring flight crew proficiency and laying down flight crew standards and punitive action against erring pilots and engineers are taken to ensure safety of civil aviation.

STATEMENT - II

Details of mid-air emergency incidents are as follows:

- (1) Indian Airlines Airbus A-320 aircraft VT-EPJ operating IAC-879 (Delhi-Guwahati) of 17.9.91 flight due to NI mode fault appeared on left engine. The incident is under investigation.
- (2) Indian Airlines Airbus A-300 aircraft VT-EFW operating scheduled flight IAC-401 (Delhi-Calcutta) on 17.9.1991 made an emergency landing at Palam due to radio communication failure after take-off. The incident is under investigation.
- (3) Vayudoot Dornier 228 aircraft operating PF-103 (Delhi-Dehradun) made an emergency landing at Palam on 17.9.1991 due to oil temperature shot up to maximum during flight on the left engine. The incident is under investigation.
- (4) Aviation Research Centre aircraft ARC B-707 VT-EWH had undercarriage problem during flight and was holding in the air. The pilot suspected hydraulic problem. Fire services were alerted. However, the aircraft made safe landing at Palam.

Every emergency landing is investigated by the operators to which DGCA representative is associated. The investigation deter-